

PALOMAR CLASSES - Palomar Community College has its satellite campus located on our campus. Juniors and seniors may take advantage of very advanced and special-interest courses offered by the Community College.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CLASS OF 2009

CREDITS - 230 credits are required for graduation with 5 credits earned for each course completed with a grade of "D" or better.

COMPUTER LITERACY - All students must pass a computer literacy test or take one Computer class.

EXIT EXAM: CAHSEE - Beginning with the class of 2006, all students must pass the CAHSEE in English Language Arts and Mathematics to be eligible for a California public high school diploma.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

English 8 semesters (40 credits)
 Social Science 6 semesters (30 credits)
 Mathematics 4 semesters (20 credits)
 Physical Science 2 semesters (10 credits)
 Biological Science 2 semesters (10 credits)
 Health 1 semester (5 credits)
 Physical Education 4 semesters (20 credits)
 Fine Arts 2 semesters (10 credits)
 Practical Arts 1 semester (5 credits)
 Computer Literacy** 1 semester (5 credits)
 Electives 75 credits
 ** or demonstration of proficiency

TOTAL 230 credits

Classes identified as college preparatory are coded "P" and advanced placement classes graded on the 5-point scale are coded "AH" on student transcripts.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

NATIONAL MERIT - For the 2007-2008 school year, Poway High had 3 National Merit Finalists.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS - 2008
 83% of 732 students taking AP exams received a 3 or higher.

NORTH COUNTY ACADEMIC LEAGUE - Poway High students participate in the San Diego County competitions.

SAT - CEEB #052533. During the 2007-2008 school year, seniors obtained the following mean scores on the SAT tests:

	PHS	CALIFORNIA	NATIONAL
Critical Reading	556	499	502
Mathematics	574	515	515
Writing	551	498	494

A total of 482 PHS Senior scores are reflected in this computation.

AN OVERVIEW

Poway High School was established in September 1961, as the first of four comprehensive high schools in the Poway Unified School District. This profile has been developed to aid in the evaluation of transcripts and records as well as to inform the community of relevant facts regarding its school.

ADMINISTRATION

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Assistant Principal

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PROFILE

2008-2009

National Distinguished School

Poway High School

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GENERAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION - The Poway Unified School District is located in a suburban community 15 miles northeast of San Diego. It is a primarily middle to upper-middle income residential community.

POPULATION - The population of the area is approximately 186,208 with a Poway Unified School District population of approximately 33,282 students K-12. The student enrollment of Poway High School comes from the communities of Poway and Rancho Bernardo.

SCHOOL

DESCRIPTION - A comprehensive four year secondary school.

ENROLLMENT - Total of approximately 2,957 students with a senior class of 741.

SCHOOL DAY - Class periods are 57 minutes, 3 days a week, and 113 minutes, 2 days a week. Total of 297 minutes a week. Professional growth days are every other Monday with class periods of 42 minutes.

ACCREDITATION - Accreditation is fully granted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

STAFF - 124 teachers, 5 administrators, 6 counselors, 1 librarian, 3 school psychologist, 80 support staff members.

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND CLASS RANK

- The computation is based on a marking system of A, B, C, D, F with point values of 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, with the exception of Advanced Placement courses which are assigned point values of 5, 4, 3, 1, 0. Physical education, school service, work experience, and planning leadership grades are excluded from the computation. The college recommending mark is C or above. The passing grade is D. More than one student may possess a certain rank in class.

POST SECONDARY PURSUITS - Enrollment in four-year colleges and universities is approximately 63%, 29% in two-year colleges, 5% in special schools, 1% military, 1.5% full-time employment. Colleges and universities which Poway High School students attend include the following:

Art Institute of San Diego
Art Institute of Seattle
Avila University
Azusa Pacific University
Baylor University
Benedictine College
Biola University
Brigham Young University, Idaho
Brigham Young University, Utah
Brooks Institute of Photography
California Lutheran University
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Humboldt
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Maritime
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Pomona
California State University, San Diego
California State University, San Francisco
California State University, San Jose
California State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Sonoma
Central Arizona College
Cerro Coso College
Chadron State College
Chapman University
Clinton Community College
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cottey College
Cuesta College/Davidson College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Foothill College
Fordham University
Fort Lewis College
Full Sail University
Gemological Institute of America
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grossmont College
Highline Community College
Idaho State University
Indiana University
Iowa Lakes Community College
Iowa State University
Lawrence University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount University
Michigan State University
Mira Costa College
Mira Mesa College
Northern Arizona University
Notre Dame de Namur University
Oakland Community College
Orange Coast College
Palomar College
Pasadena City College
Pierce College
Platt College, San Diego
Point Loma Nazarene University

Poway Beauty Academy
Purdue University
Reedley College
Riverside City College
Saint Mary's College
San Diego City College
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego Miramar College
Santa Barbara Community College
Santa Clara University
School of Automotive Machinists
Simpson University
Slippery Rock University
Southern Methodist University
Southern Virginia University
Stanford University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Trinity Christian College
United States Air Force Academy
United States Naval Academy
Universal Technical Institute
University of Alabama
University of Arizona
University of Auckland, New Zealand
University of British Columbia
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Dayton
University of Denver
University of Hawaii
University of Kansas
University of La Verne
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Oregon
University of Redlands
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
University of Washington
Universal Technical Institute
Ursinus College
VanderCook College of Music
Vanguard University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech University
Wake Forest University
Wellesley College
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Westmont College
Wheaton College
William Woods University

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is divided into three major programs: University-bound, College-bound, and high school graduation.

UNIVERSITY-BOUND STUDENTS - In general, students take four years of higher math (Algebra-Calculus), two to four years of science, four years of English, two to five years of foreign language, and three years of social science and history, plus additional and required electives.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS - Students generally take three years of higher math (Algebra, Geometry, Adv. Algebra), four years of English, two years of science, two years of foreign language (French, German, Spanish), and three years of social science and history, plus required electives.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - Students take required graduation courses and are encouraged to take electives appropriate to their vocational interests.

ELECTIVE COURSES - Courses are offered in Art, Agriculture, AVID, Business, Computers, Consumer & Family Studies, Drama, Music (instrumental and choral), Industrial/Vocational, Physical Education, School Service (teaching assistants and academic tutors), and Work Experience.

OTHER PROGRAMS - HONORS (H) - Courses are offered in English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, and Science for 9th-12th grades.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) - Courses are offered in English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Statistics, Calculus, French, German, Spanish, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, American Government, US History, European History, and Psychology.

REMEDIAL COURSES - Available for students needing remediation in English, and math.

ALTERNATIVE CLASSES - A special program to help at-risk 9th grade students is in place to assist students with study skills and designated academic classes.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) - Courses for students needing to learn to speak, read, and write English include, Language Acquisition and Sheltered courses in English, Science, Social Science, Math, and Restaurant.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) - A program designed to help qualifying students with average to high standardized test scores prepare for college.

SPECIAL EDUCATION - Special instruction is provided for students with more severe learning problems by participation in either a Special Day Class or the Resource Specialist Program.

REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM (ROP) - Vocational training classes are offered through ROP in a number of areas including auto, floriculture, culinary arts, computers, graphics, child care occupations, restaurant occupations, photo, digital media, and veterinary science.